

Welcome to Week Two of  
Equipping Parents to be spiritual leaders in their own homes.

# Helping your children Make Prayer a Habit

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A single answered prayer is the one thing most likely to connect a child to God and a church for life.

**First make a prayer cup.** On one side of a styrofoam cup write "From Me to Jesus". On the other side write "From Jesus to ME".

**Then Each night for a week** parent and each child take turns praying a one sentence prayer. First the parent prays one sentence. Then the child prays one sentence. No book can help a child understand so deeply his or her part in prayer. "What I hear I forget. What I see I remember. What I do I understand." After a week help a child write down his or her one sentence prayer and put it in the cup. Explain the two halves of prayer...the first half where we talk to God...and the second half where he talks to us. Put the cup near the child's bed and remind him to pray first thing in the morning and last thing at night. If after a week of praying alone pray with your child. If still no answer involved your pastor and perhaps the whole church. God has promised to answer. Avoid correcting a child's prayer. The goal is to help him or her hear from God not us. But if after a month the child feels there is not an answer from God suggest he go to [www.teachustoprayer.com](http://www.teachustoprayer.com), click on bulletin insert and then Prayer Mechanics Checklist.

After the child has heard from God take the prayer out of the jar and write the answer on the back.

## **Thought for leaders.**

At [www.teachustoprayer.com/hgprayercup.html](http://www.teachustoprayer.com/hgprayercup.html) we offer our favorite four parent takehomes. Parents may print these themselves or be a super leader and print copies for them. Other great takehomes are [www.teachustoprayer.com/week2a.pdf](http://www.teachustoprayer.com/week2a.pdf) and [www.teachustoprayer.com/week2b.pdf](http://www.teachustoprayer.com/week2b.pdf)

*Quote from Charles Stanley: "The one thing that has molded my life is having learned to listen to God at an early age".*

The following books on prayer can enrich your child's life ...even make him a leader of his or her nation. If your library does not have them they should be able to order them in. Classic books are listed in bold. "The Art of Listening Prayer: Finding God's Voice Amidst Life's Noise" by Seth Barnes "The Power of a Praying Kid" by Stormie Omartian "The Power of a Praying Teen" by Stormie Omartian "Pray Big for Your Child:" by William Davis Jr. **"The Believer's School of Prayer" by Andrew Murray.** **"The Prayers of Peter Marshall" by Catherine Marshall** **"Prayer: A Holy Occupation" by Oswald Chambers** **"Adventures in Prayer" by Catherine Marshall** **"The Possibilities of Prayer" by E.M. Bounds** **"Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby and Claude V. King** Anybody can be Cool but Awesome takes practice." by Lorraine Peterson "My Soul's Adventure with God" by Dr. Robert H. Schuller "Sense and Nonsense about Prayer" by Laman Straus "Handle with Prayer." by Dr. Charles Stanley "The God Who Hears Prayer" by Dr. Bingham Hunter.

**This week's home work is to remind your child to start and end each day by taking his prayer out of the cup, reading it to God and asking God to help him see the answer or hear the Holy Spirit whispering to his spirit.**

*Next week if possible bring an empty egg carton.*